

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, January 3.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, .00.
Temperature, Max. 72; Min. 62. Weather, cloudy; fresh trades.

ESTABLISHED JULY 2, 1856.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.67c. Per Ton, \$73.40.
88 Analysis Beets, 10s. Per Ton, \$82.20.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1909.

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CITY GOVERNMENT WILL COME INTO FORCE AT NOON

**Preparations Complete for Event—Supervisors
Will Have No Chance to Register Any
Kick Until Tomorrow.**

Today, at noon, there will be no more County of Oahu, while supplanting it will be officially born the new City and County of Honolulu. To mark the event there will be a public reception in the assembly room of the City and County offices, Mayor Fern will ascend the steps of the municipal throne and deliver his inaugural address, the City and County band will play a requiem for the dead county and a new Mayor's march in honor of the new municipality and its head official and there will be a girding up of loins for the opening scrap between His Honor and the Board of Supervisors majority.

There is going to be some disappointment about this last mentioned number on the program, however, because it is intimated that there isn't going to be any meeting of the new Board of Supervisors today. The Supervisors themselves expect there will be, but the Mayor has made other arrangements. He doesn't want one tiny cloud to arise to mar the harmony of the great occasion and on that account he doesn't intend to call his Supervisors to order until tomorrow. The Municipal Act states that the board shall meet on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of the month and also on the third Tuesday and that there shall be special meetings for special specified subjects called at the instance of the Mayor. Mayor Fern sees no particular special business that the Supervisors may have to do today and in consequence will call no special meeting.

The old board will meet at eleven this morning. The members will wind up their work, pass around a few bouquets among themselves, answer to the last calling of the roll and wait

until the clock strikes twelve and sounds their official demise. Then ex-Chairman Charley Hustace will escort the Mayor to the chair, make a short address and retire into the ranks of the private citizens.

Mayor Fern will then speak for the first time officially as Mayor, making a short inaugural address, outlining the policy he intends to carry out, expressing a hope that there may be harmony between himself and the other officers of the City's administration and promising to carry out the law as nearly best as he is able. He will then announce the names of the committees chosen by him and wait for the lightning.

Following the address there will be a public reception in the board room, which has been decorated with bunting and other gala attire in honor of the occasion. To this reception a general invitation to the public is extended.

On the street corner outside, Captain Berger will lead his men in appropriate music. For the occasion he has written a new march, dedicated to the Mayor. On his program is also the "Inauguration Overture" and a "City Life" waltz, both new in Honolulu.

The first regular meeting of the new Board of Supervisors will be held tomorrow. The fact that it will not be held today is going to be a disappointment. The Republican members of the board are not going to get a chance to make their point that the new appointed officeholders have to be confirmed and the appointments of the men endorsed by the Republican Executive Committee cannot be consummated before the Fern forces move upon the

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WOULD HAVE TRANSPORTS COME TWO AT A TIME

Army and Navy Journal: In his annual report the Quartermaster General of the Army says: "The owned transport vessels now operated by this department are sufficient for the needs of the service under existing conditions, but some of them are approaching the age when it will no longer be economical to keep them in that degree of seaworthiness which is an imperative requisite to safeguarding the lives of their multitude of passengers. The loss at sea of a troop-laden transport would be a calamity too terrible to contemplate with equanimity." In view of this statement the suggestion made by one of our correspondents, an officer of large experience, is of immediate and pressing importance. Our correspondent says: "Transports going to Manila from San

Francisco should go in pairs, or better have them go over the path followed by the liners. This would remove the present danger to some extent of loss of all hands, in case of accident, such as running on uncharted reefs, uncontrollable leak from a strain, in a typhoon, swamping, disabling of machinery, etc., etc. There would be some show for human beings in case one of these unfortunate things should occur; and our transports are getting a little worn and old now. If anything happens to one transport, and she has a consort, relief could be rendered promptly and the boats and life rafts of both transports could be put to use in transferring human souls, as a consort is supposed to be nearby. If the transports go on the path of the liners there is a good chance of getting help, within a reasonable time and before all are lost. History shows how

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FIRE ON THE RECLAMATION STOPPED A BASEBALL GAME

Fire on the top of the dredger Reclamation yesterday afternoon not only called out the fire department but nearly everybody in Palama. The blaze was seen by those at the ball game being played in Aala Park and for a short time interest in the game lapsed for the newer excitement.

The Reclamation had been placed in the Railroad wharf slip preparatory to doing some dredging there last night, when persons on the steamer Alaskan and on the wharf were astonished at a cloud of smoke which suddenly swirled up from the roof of the dredger. A fire was noticed to be creeping along the roof and an alarm was sent in from box 47. The dredger crew, however, took hold of the situation at once and in a short time had the fire under control. A portion of the roof was charred badly but the damage is nominal. Sparks from the donkey-engine stack setting fire to a small quantity

of excelsior lying on the roof was the cause of the blaze.

The Reclamation is engaged in dredging out the entire Railroad wharf slip. Harbor muck and scourings brought to the harbor by the Nuuanu stream have caused the slip to fill up and the deeply laden vessels constantly making use of it have been too close to the bottom. The Reclamation will be one of the dredgers used by the Hawaiian Dredging Company in dredging the channel and harbor at Pearl Harbor.

For the first time, for a day alarm, since the new fire alarm box-number cards were issued recently the fire whistle sounded twice when the fire was out. Under the old system one whistle announced the finish to a blaze and the two whistles which announced that yesterday's fire was under control excited attention, a number of people calling up the Advertiser office to find out what it was all about.

GHOULS ROB IN STRICKEN CITIES



JOSEPH J. FERN, WHO WILL BE HONOLULU'S FIRST MAYOR AFTER NOON TODAY.

FIRST STOCK FROM COLONIES

**Tramp Steamer Brings First
Pure Bred Additions for
Local Herds.**

A large shipment of livestock was brought to Honolulu from New Zealand yesterday by the British steamship Den of Ruthven, marking the initial experiment in this sort of cargo, which may be followed by others. As far as Captain Singleton knows this is the first time a shipment of livestock has been made from the Colonies to Hawaii. In this shipment there were seven Shorthorn and Hereford bulls and cows of the purest stock, consigned to Davies & Co. and Hackfeld & Co. In addition there were seventy Merino rams and thirty-five ewes. The livestock was in charge of a cattleman named Halstead. The stock was selected by a man named Munroe, who is a special agent of the Board of Agriculture and Forestry.

The Den of Ruthven is traveling light on the present trip to Victoria, carrying only fifty tons of white Omara stone, to be used for decorative purposes in public buildings of Vancouver and Victoria. For ballast the Den of Ruthven is carrying several thousand tons of water. The steamer will discharge her livestock cargo this morning and will proceed to Victoria about noon.

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NOT AS COLD AS COULD BE

**Chilly Spell Fails to Shake
Mercury Down to the
Record Mark.**

"Brrrrr! The coldest weather I ever knew in Honolulu!" So, many have said during the past few days, especially after the sun has gone down to polish his Bishop rings and the cold, gray shadows try to locate the places in your overcoat where the moth corrupted. But it hasn't been so very cold. It hasn't been so cold by several degrees as it has been before in Honolulu. If you have shivered very much lately it has been through a mistake. The assistant weather man in the Alexander Young Hotel says so and has the statistics to prove it, showing that what was the matter lately was that the air was only thicker than usual to the amount of a few decimal points.

The lowest temperature recorded on the Young Hotel roof during the past few nights has been 61 degrees, while a search through the records of the United States Weather Bureau discloses the fact that the lowest minimum temperature recorded in the last fifteen years was in February, 1902, when the thermometer fell to 52. In March of 1891 and February of 1903, the thermometer fell to 53, and in February and

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NEW SAN FRANCISCO TO NEW ZEALAND SERVICE

**Honolulu May Be Included if Passenger and
Freight Guarantees Be Made—Would
Bring Mariposa to This Port.**

BY ALEXANDER HUME FORD.

A through service between San Francisco and New Zealand via Tahiti has just been established. I know that it is the desire of the Oceanic Steamship Company to run its boat to Tahiti via Honolulu if this can be done without absolute loss to a company that has served Hawaii faithfully in the past and has not always made both ends meet by doing so.

If Hawaii can guarantee ten thousand dollars a year in freight and passengers it seems certain that Honolulu can become a port of call on the San Francisco-Tahiti-New Zealand service. The far southern route to Australia is becoming more popular every day, and it takes from Hawaii that which should belong to Hawaii. The run to Tahiti via Honolulu would consume two more days, but would bring Hawaii in touch with New Zealand by a new and attractive route.

Connect at Tahiti.

The Union Steamship Company of New Zealand maintains a four-weekly

service to Tahiti from Auckland. To meet the thirty-five day service from San Francisco of the Oceanic boat, it put on an extra steamer from Wellington that makes exact connection with the San Francisco boat. That is the way they do things in New Zealand, and the exports of New Zealand, with all her great territory and population exceeding ours seven times, does not double in value the exports of Hawaii.

If there is a link of connection needed in the Pacific, it would seem to be the establishment of a Hawaiian-Tahitian service; and this may now be secured by a little energy on the part of Hawaii. The seasons in Tahiti are opposite to the seasons in Hawaii, so that with a connecting line in operation no fruit need be out of season in either group of islands. Moreover, the establishment of a connecting route would be but an opening wedge. A good trade has been built up between San Francisco and Tahiti; the thirty-five day steamer will soon give way to the four-weekly steamer. Let Hawaii do her

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Looters Resist Guards and Kill Sailors Landed to Help—A Hospital Ship and Equipment Sent.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

ROME, January 4.—At both Messina and Reggio there were frequent encounters yesterday between the guards, stationed to protect property abandoned by its owners, and thieves. There are looters everywhere throughout the ruined districts. Six sailors from a Russian vessel, who had been sent ashore to protect property and render assistance, were killed by a gang of looters. In another engagement between the looters and the police, two of the latter were killed.

Many arrests are being made wherever possible, and the total number of looters now in custody of sixteen hundred.

THOUSANDS OF WOUNDED MOVED.

Altogether thirteen thousand three hundred and fifty-nine wounded persons have been brought to the improvised hospitals here aboard warships.

The strict censorship being maintained by the government on messages from the ruined districts is hampering the newspaper correspondents greatly in sending out their reports of the great disaster.

'MORE VIOLENT EARTHQUAKES.

The Island of Stromboli was shaken again yesterday by earthquakes, the shocks being most violent. The volcano of Stromboli is in active eruption.

KING AND QUEEN BACK.

The King and Queen returned to Rome yesterday from Sicily, where they have been assisting in the work of rescuing the victims of the earthquake and tidal waves. The presence of the King in Rome was demanded in order that a special session of Parliament might be called.

GRISCOM WILL DISTRIBUTE RELIEF.

Ambassador Griscom has been appointed by a committee of Americans to utilize and distribute the relief funds sent to him from America.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL SHIP.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—The American Red Cross Association yesterday cabled one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to Ambassador Griscom with a request that he use the amount of the outfitting of a hospital ship, to be sent to Sicily.

KAISER SENDING HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT.

COPENHAGEN, January 4.—Emperor William, of Germany, who is visiting here, has issued orders for eight transportable hospitals of eighty beds each, as used in the German army, to be sent at once to Messina.

DEPOSED OFFICIAL SEEKS PROTECTION

PEKING, January 4.—Yuan Shikai, who was yesterday removed from office as Comptroller of Customs and Councillor, the result, as stated, of a Manchuk plot, has fled to Tien-Tsin, arriving yesterday. He has asked for the protection of the British from his enemies of the Chinese Court.

BATTLESHIPS HURRYING TO SICILY

SUEZ, January 4.—The American battleship fleet arrived here yesterday, two days ahead of the schedule. The vessels will be hurried on to Sicily to assist in the work of rescue.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT SAID TO BE "HIGHER-UPS" REVENGE

A murderous assault was made late yesterday afternoon upon Mrs. Isoi, of Iwilei fame, by one Morimoto, the story in the Advertiser on Saturday that it was through inadvertent statement made by the woman that the present investigation of the Twelve-Dollar Club was started, being the cause for the assault.

Mrs. Isoi sought United States District Attorney Breckons as soon as she was able to recover sufficiently from the beating she had received, and told the story of the assault. The District Attorney at once got into communication with United States Marshal Hendry, and that official went to the police station, where he obtained the services of two special officers. With these he went in search of Mrs. Isoi's assailant, and by 8:29 he was placed in a cell at the police station as a prisoner accredited to Marshal Hendry. He is held for investigation. Chief of Detectives Kaiakiela, although his men made the arrest, states that he knows nothing of the case and appears not to care if he never does.

When Mrs. Isoi presented herself before District Attorney Breckons she was a much disheveled woman, with blood on her face and clothing and exhibiting many evidences of violent handling. There were some cuts on her head, and these are said to have been made with a bottle. The affair took place at the Isoi house. It is said that Morimoto picked a quarrel with Mrs. Isoi, accusing her of giving away the secrets of the Twelve-Dollar Club, following this with the assault in which she was injured so badly that it was some time before she was able to call for assistance. The disclosures in the Isoi matter have reached an acute stage, and the possibility of several persons being implicated through evidence developing is said to be the reason for the Morimoto assault, a theory being that the attempt to do the woman up was instigated by "higher-ups." United States District Attorney Breckons will probe the matter fully today, and the newest development may bring to light a number of circumstances connected with the Iwilei matter which will not only border upon the sensational, but be a source of serious embarrassment to many people, not Japanese, who have been more or less connected with the Isois and their galaxy of women. Some of the disclosures expose police protection said to have been afforded Isoi's stockade during the time the Atlantic fleet was in port.